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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, attached hereto is a Form PTO/SB/08a listing six references which may be considered material in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Four of the references were cited in an Office Action dated January 20, 2009 in a corresponding Japanese application. Namely, the two Japanese references and the two PCT references were cited in the Office Action. Copies of all four of these references are attached hereto.

With the exception of WO 02/012893, it is noted that the other three references cited in the Japanese Office Action are not in English. With respect to the requirement to provide a concise description of relevancy of the references, U.S. Patent No. 6,555,383 is cited herein as an English language equivalent of Japanese Reference No. 2000-235036. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no copy of this U.S. patent is attached hereto. In addition, European Published Application No. 1231470, which is in English, is provided hereto as corresponding to WO 01/33227. A copy of European Publication No. 1231470 is attached hereto. With respect to Japanese Reference No. 05-179034, an English language abstract is provided herewith. No English equivalents were uncovered of this reference.

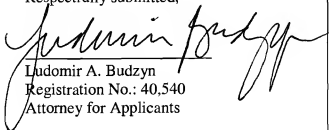
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Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If there any questions or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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